

Invitation to Bid
University of Connecticut
Project #901772
Main Building Renovation Project 2
Enabling Bid



You are hereby invited to bid on the University of Connecticut – Main Building Renovation Project 2 (University of Connecticut Project #901772) in Farmington, CT.

Job Description: The Main Building Renovation Project 2 will renovate approximately 33,000 SF of lab space and 12,000 SF of mechanical equipment space in the existing occupied UConn Health facility. Construction will be in the partially occupied building. The University of Connecticut will seek LEED Silver certification for this project. Renovations are anticipated to take place from December 2015 through February 2017. Total estimated value of the project is approximately \$30 million.

In addition to being prequalified for this Project, all Bidders submitting a bid of \$500,000 or higher must be prequalified by the DAS in the requisite classification and have the aggregate work capacity rating and single project limit necessary to complete the work for which the Bid is submitted.

Submit the bid package per instructions no later than October 7th, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M. Bid Packages being bid at this time are as follows:

Unit #	Description	DAS Required **	Set Aside or 30/10	Estimated Value*
01A	Precast Removal	No	30/10	\$180,000
01B	Hoist & Scaffold	No	Exempt	\$416,000
01C	Enabling Mechanical	No	Yes	\$60,000
01D	Enabling Electrical	No	Yes	\$35,000
02A	Demolition & Abatement	Yes	30/10	\$2,067,800

* Value shown is an estimated value only and is not a guaranteed representation of the actual value of the scope.

** Scopes identified as “DAS Prequalification Required” must have DAS Prequalification as these scopes are estimated to exceed \$500,000. DAS Prequalification is required for all bids which exceed \$500,000 regardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.

Bids will only be accepted from contractors who have been prequalified specific to this project and each bid package.

A pre-bid meeting and walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 2:00 PM

This meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

All bidders will convene on the 4th floor of 16 Munson Road, Farmington, CT 06030

Bid Instructions:

- Download the Instructions to Bidders, Bid Forms, and Contract Documents from the following site:
<https://whiting-turner.box.com/Project2-enablingbid>
- Attend the pre-bid meeting and walkthrough starting at 16 Munson Road, Farmington, CT on September 24, 2015 at 2:00PM
- Submit all requests for information via email to todd.werner@whiting-turner.com by September 28, 2015 at Midnight
- Fill out all statements and answers as true and correct as possible & attach all supporting documentation.
- Submit a hard copy of the bid with all requested attachments to:
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
2 Enterprise Drive, Suite 504, Shelton, CT 06484
Bid packages are due by October 7th, 2015 no later than 2:00PM.
Bids must be sealed. Electronic bids will not be accepted.
All bids will be opened publicly immediately after bids are due at 2 Enterprise Drive, Suite 504, Shelton, CT 06484
- DAS Prequalification is required for **all** bids which exceed \$500,000 regardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.
- Subcontractor will be expected to be S/MBE or to provide a minimum of 30% SBE and 10% MBE participation as indicated above. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS.
- WT, at the advice of UConn, reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in prequalifications.
- Small and Minority Businesses (S/MBE) are encouraged to apply/bid.** For additional information on certifying as an S/MBE in Connecticut, please visit the following link: <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=34>

S/MBE Contractors may find the following independent third party resources helpful:

The Business Resource Center (BRC) – <http://www.hedcoinc.com/business-resource-center/> – provides access to professional consultation, resource materials, and, action-oriented training (OSHA, certified payrolls, schedules, billings, estimating, etc.), in the skills/techniques needed to grow business in the Greater Hartford area. The BRC also operates a Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Program with focus on the development of minority construction firms in CT, including assistance with the capacity to qualify for bonding (bid, performance and payment).

HEDCO, Inc. – <http://www.hedcoinc.com/> – HEDCO, Inc. is a 501 (c 3) Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and a Small Business Administration Certified Micro Lender. The agency has been in operation since 1975 and serves the 169 cities and towns in Connecticut, especially small business within the City of Hartford, to help them develop business plans, acquire financing and achieve sustained successful growth. For additional information please contact Kim Hawkins, VP & COO, at (860) 527-1100 or email her at khawkins@brctt.com

BondSure @ Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC) – A minority assistance program offered by Community Capital Fund and GNEMSDC, BondSure helps to increase the surety bonding capacity of S/MBE construction firms throughout Southern Connecticut. For more information, please go to <http://bondsurre.org> or contact Andres Lopez Director of State Programs at (203) 288-9744 or alopez@gnemsdc.org.

The Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC) – provides no-cost advising assistance to both prospective existing business owners to help them start or grow their business. For more information, please visit <http://ctsbdc.com/contact/>.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – guarantees bid, performance and payment bonds issued by surety companies. This Federal guarantee encourages surety companies to bond S/MBE's who are having difficulty obtaining bonding on their own. For more information, please visit <https://www.sba.gov/surety-bonds>.

Creative Insurance Concepts, Inc. (CIC) – <http://www.creativeic.com/bonds.html> - Participants in the SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program in most states. Contact Charlene Reynolds, CEO, at 804-674-8330 or cireynolds@creativeic.com.